

Minutes of August 25, 2011

The Meeting was opened at 8:30 AM, called to order by Larry Davis for the purpose of reviewing & discussing the appointment of the Accounting Officer position and any other vacant appointed positions. Tara White appeared before the Board as the Accounting Officer, not as Selectmen.

Mr. Davis advised that Tara White, Accounting Officer, has not been officially appointed for the last 2 years and he has some concerns about the possible conflicts regarding the positions that Ms. White holds. Mr. Davis stated that at times he believes it becomes an issue for Mike Skorput. Mr. Yohalem advised that when he has spoken to the department heads a few of the department heads had expressed some issues with the Accounting Officer. Mr. Yohalem feels that people should only have one position, but being a small town that is hard to keep to one position and that is why he resigned from the Finance Committee. Larry Davis stated, after discussion, that he had no problem with Ms. White performance. He was only concerned with a conflict of issue.

Mr. Owen Hoberman, who was in the audience said that he saw no conflict with Ms. White being the Accounting Officer and a member of the Board of Selectmen. Caren Adams, Tax Collector, stated that the Town has recently sent her for classes to attain her certification and one of the classes she took was on ethics, which discourages the practice of holding multi-positions. Also she believes Ms. White is not putting in enough effort for the position and is not sufficiently available to co-workers at the Town Hall, Town Officers and the public.

A motion was made to appoint Ms. White as Accounting Officer until September 15th. After further discussion the motion was amended to appoint Ms. White until October 31st. The amended motion was seconded and so voted 2-0. Tara White recused from the vote both votes. It was noted that an ad would be placed for the position along with the vacancies for Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant